

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested. Claims 1-46 (of which 23-46 are new claims) are pending in the application. Claims 1-22 have been rejected. The rejection of claims 1-22 is respectfully traversed. However, in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the cited prior art and in order to expedite allowance, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-15 and 17-21 and adds a set of new claims 23-46. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-15 and 17-21, their rejection is now moot.

Objections

The abstract of the disclosure, the specification, the drawings and claims were objected to because each was identified as belonging to WO 2004/036344 PCT/IL2003/000848. Corrected abstract, specification, drawings and claims are supplied herewith.

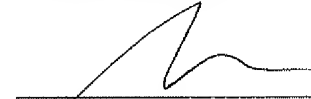
§ 102 Rejections

Claims 16 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shum (Publication No.: US 2003/0009507). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Shum does not disclose a key element of each of these claims - a database network router – which is clearly defined and described in the present application (see e.g. Abstract and at least FIGS. 2-4 and their description). The database network router is not mentioned at all in the rejection of claims 16 and 22. There is no element or feature in Shum's system and method that even remotely resembles the database network router of the present application. Therefore, Shum cannot and does not anticipate claims 16 and 22. Moreover, Shum cannot even render claims 16 and 22 un-patentable.

New claims 23- 46 recite directly or indirectly the same element/feature of database network router, and therefore cannot be either anticipated or rendered unpatentable by Shum.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 22-46 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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